

REMARKS

In light of the this first preliminary amendment, the Applicants submit that the application is in good and proper form for allowance, and respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, at 312-913-3304.

Respectfully submitted,

McDONNELL BOEHNEN
HULBERT & BERGHOF LLP

November 1, 2004

By: /JulianFSantos/
Julian F. Santos
Registration No. 47,917

-13-

McDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOF LLP
300 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
TELEPHONE (312) 913-0001

MSHB: 03/089B1
S/N 10/709,500
FILING DATE: MAY 10, 2004